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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 10, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The period for the initial response to the Office Action was set to expire July 10, 2007. Therefore, with the granting of the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed. The appropriate fees, including the extension of time fee, are being paid today by credit card via EFS-Web.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: